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Attorney General John Ashcroft
The US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing you today to voice my support for Microsoft, and the Microsoft settlement that was reached on November 6, 2001. This settlement is fair and reasonable. The continuing law suits only benefit the attorney's at the expense of the public and the stockholders. After three long years of litigation, it will be in the best interest of the public to end this dispute promptly.

Microsoft has been most forward thinking and innovative, thereby providing great service to its customers. It has contributed immensely to our economy and technology industry. Microsoft has also contributed to businesses and individuals by making it easier to conduct business. I feel very strongly that Microsoft should not be penalized for doing its job well and being successful.

The settlement will make it even easier for IT companies to do business. It guarantees that Microsoft will not take any retaliatory measures against hardware firms working with other software firms, and Microsoft also will be forced to avoid confrontation of software firms that enter the operating system market. The increased competition resulting from this will certainly be good for customers, and will make Microsoft more responsive to the market.

I am pleased that Microsoft will finally be allowed to devote its resources to innovative practices instead of litigation, which has cost the company millions of dollars. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kenneth H. Woolf

Cc: Representative Jeff Miller

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